

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) A display panel comprising:

a first substrate ~~(2; 102)~~; and

a second substrate ~~(3; 103)~~ being separated from each other by spacers (4; 104) and sealing between them a space (7), at least one of the spacers ~~(4; 104)~~ being penetrated by a hole extending therethrough and through both of the substrates ~~(2, 3; 102, 103)~~ to form a through hole ~~(5; 105; 205; 215)~~ through the display panel ~~(1; 100; 200)~~ said through holes being opened at each end to allow passage through said through hole, said at least one of the spacers ~~(4; 104)~~ and the substrates ~~(2, 3; 102, 103)~~ forming the wall ~~(6; 106)~~ of said through hole ~~(5; 105)~~ and sealing the space (7) from the through hole ~~(5; 105)~~.

2. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which each spacer (4) having a through hole (5) is located outside ~~[[the]]~~ a pixel areas ~~(11)~~ of the display panel ~~(1)~~.

3. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which a plurality of through holes ~~(5; 205)~~, each extending through a respective one of the spacers (4) and through both of the substrates ~~(2, 3)~~ to form a through hole ~~(5; 205)~~ through the display panel ~~(1; 200)~~, are distributed over the surface ~~(218)~~ of the display panel ~~(1; 200)~~.

4. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the spacers ~~(4; 104)~~ are made of a visually decorative material.

5. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel is an LCD-display ~~(1; 100; 200)~~, a foil display, an electro-wetting display, a polyled display, a fluorescent display, or a touch screen or pressure-sensitive display.

6. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel (100; 200) is flexible or bendable and/or has flexible substrates.

7. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel (100) has a plastic (~~102, 103~~) or steel substrate.

8. (Currently amended )            [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel (~~200~~) is adapted to be integrated in a wearable product.

9. (Withdrawn)                      A method of manufacturing a display panel, comprising the steps of  
providing spacers (4; 104) on one side (17; 117) of a first substrate (2; 102),  
providing a second substrate (3; 103) on said one side (17; 117) of the first substrate (2; 102) such that the spacers (4; 104) hold the first and the second substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) separated from each other,  
forming a hole (5; 105) through at least one of the spacers (4; 104) and both of the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) such that said at least one of the spacers (4; 104) and the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) form the wall (6; 106) of the through hole (5; 105), and  
sealing a space (7; 107) between the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) and the spacers (4; 104).

10. (Withdrawn)                      A method according to claim 9, in which said through hole (5; 105) is formed after the step of providing the second substrate (3; 103) on said one side (17; 117) of the first substrate (2; 102).

11. (Withdrawn)                      A method according to claim 9, in which a liquid crystalline material (10) is sealed between the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) and the spacers (4; 104) after the step of forming said through hole (5; 105).

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, in which a liquid crystalline material (10) is sealed between the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) and the spacers (4; 104) before the step of forming said through hole (5; 105).

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, in which said through hole (5; 105) is formed by a method chosen among stamping, mechanical drilling, laser drilling, powder blasting and water jetting.

14. (Withdrawn) A method according to any one of claims 9-13, in which the spacers (104) are made by ink jet printing monomers, polymers, reactive polymers or a mixture of two or three of these components (112) on the first substrate (102) followed by one or more curing steps.

15. (Withdrawn) A method according to any one of claims 9-13, in which the spacers (4) are made by forming a photosensitive film (12) on the first substrate (2) followed by illumination and removal of those parts of the film (12) surrounding those parts that are to become the spacers (4).